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Dear Bob,

Because of the unusual conditions of my life it happens that I'm reading two of your books at the same time. My sincerest congratulations and thanks for Veil. What to me is its unique significance is not indicated in the reviews I've seen of the controversy which, perhaps, was contrived to divert attention from the excellent and important content.

For seven years I've had physical therapy that consists of walking and resting and walking again in the controlled environment of a nearby mall where I'm allowed in before daylight and leave by the time the mall opens. I carry a shoulder bag for, among other things, the Post and a book and I reserve the paperbacks for that. So, I was carrying your and Carl's The Final Days and was reading it when I got Veil, which is larger and heavier than I want to carry.

At several points in my reading of your Nixon book I've intended writing you and/or Carl to see if you'd like to do more on the open ends, like the 18 minute tape and the Mexican connection. Even at the first mention of getting Walters to call the FBI off over allegations of Bay of Pigs connected national security. This morning, on page 296 you have Buzhardt telling Haig, after listening to the June 23 tape, that ""we're back (your emphasis) in the problem area." You follow by saying this might have been a reference to the June 20 tape, the one partly erased.

I've believed since obtaining something in 1973 that I have what required Nixon to erase that part of that tape and by this I mean what he and Haldeman were discussing. That content required erasing. Nixon could not have survived its disclosure. and no cover-up possible

In what I read earlier this morning you mentioned Nixon's mention of Dahlberg and Mexico. I'm not now sure but I think that is one area I tried to interest you or Carl in contemporaneously, I'm sure with at least one lead that would have led you there but I'm not sure with regard to some information the source of which still requires protection.

It happens that the Mullen Agency had its Mexico City office on the same street as Manuel Ogarrio. That, of course, does not mean in the same building or the same office. I have no reason to believe that this was ever checked, like in phone books or city directories. Mullen also had a Washington employee who spent time there, Earl Minderman. He left his suburban home as soon as the story broke. I mean he got rid of it but the same number was answered by the new tenant.

I've mislaid my pre-Watergate checking of Mullen but I recall clearly enough that in several cities, including Washington, it shared the address of other CIA (inc. Cuban) assets. Simple directory checks for those years disclosed this.

Helms had to perjure himself before the Ervin committee about Hunt's connection with Mullen and he did. This connection existed in 1968, as I think I once sent you. One reason is because part of the campaign to impeach Justice Douglas was run from the Mullen office and Hunt, who was still working for the CIA, was connected with it. Here I have the documentation, a xerox of Douglas Caddy's book and records relating to it. One of the people who figures in this book and that campaign, I've forgotten his name but have the records in my basement, lived at approximately where the map found on the Cubans led to, P St., near Dupont Circle. If my recollection is correct, the corporation set up with the Mullen cover address as its address, Caddy and Hunt on the papers, was liquidated as soon as the Watergate story broke. Caddy was their first lawyer and, perhaps without significance, the Congressman who headed the campaign

to impeach Douglas praised Caddy's next and anti-labor book when he was our only unelected President.

I did try to get two items of evidence introduced at the trials, this map and the addressbook but even though they were then public the U.S.Attorney refused to let me have it and when I invoked FOIA Cox personally turned me down. I didn't want to sue him. So, I've never seen them. I wanted to see if any of the other names mean anything and if there were a mark or an address in the 2000 block of P street.

I've always believed that the serial numbers on the money Dorothy Hunt was carrying should have been checked. It may be too late now but I have them, from the Chicago coroner. I then wondered if that money came from Vesco.

I doubt if you or the Post will now be interested in this but perhaps Carl may be. I've been intending to write him about other matters, which follow. The address I have is 2020 F Street and I'm sending him a copy there. If that address is wrong I'd appreciate it if you would please send him a copy.

I'm nearing 75 and my health has been seriously impaired since 1975, when I was hospitalized for the first of a series of venous thrombosis problems. The complications following arterial surgery in 1980 have severely limited what I'm able to do. Over the years I'd been working on several books. If I were able, with what I have I'd be comfortable writing two of them, although others might be more comfortable with additional research. The third requires no additional research and it will be impossible to use even a portion of what I have, some 60,000 pages of once-secret records besides my own investigations for it. I think all three would have promise and would be important. I'm confident the third would be quite significant. I've a separate working file of copies of documents for it. If I can get some help, chiefly a gofer, I'd like to try to return to it. If not, I'd like to know that someone would determine whether he or she would like to take that over. With a little luck, this one, not related to the JFK assassination, could be a major sensation. Personally I'm not satisfied with a book limited to this working file of official records and that is why I need a gofer. All the originals of the more than a quarter of a million words of records I've gotten are in my basement and I can stand still only briefly and have trouble with using stairs.

Except at rush hour we are only about an hour from downtown D.C., in the event Carl would like to come up. From the beltway take I270 (whose number disappears at the first Frederick cloverleaf) and stay on that road to exit 7, which is marked Fort Detrick and Hood College (where all my records will be a public archive). Loop under the road, on Rosemont Ave., toward Fort Detrick and take the first left, onto Shookstown Road. After about two miles, in the village of Shookstown, the road starts steeply up the mountain (Gambrill). After starting uphill, in about three city blocks, the road on the right is Old Receiver. We are about three blocks from the turn on it, on the right, 7627.

Carl, our best to your parents. We knew them circa World War II and after, when you lived on River Road.

Bob, I think that Veil is the best book about the CIA and national policy I've seen. Simply great!

Sincerely,

Harold

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